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Microsoft has way too much control already, over the direction that the user may take on the internet.

Many people are new to the internet, and MicroSoft attempts to limit their choices, and often the route that MicroSoft uses is of lower quality or less reliability than other choices that are available.

Nothing short of a strong hand is going to prevent MicroSoft to continue to act in a very non-competitive manner.

You are dealing with a Corporation that believes they are a special case, that they can set themselves above their competition...and even above the government offices of the United States of America.

They will look for and find any cracks and crevices, loopholes that they can exploit. They will interpret the rulings in their own favor rather than to the letter of the ruling.

Their purpose is Power and Control, rather than the betterment of the World, as they claim. Users and the internet as a whole will thrive and innovate far more, with strict controls on Mr. Gates and his company. MicroSoft does NOT innovate, by the way. They copy what others are doing, and use every resource at their command to crush those who are the real innovators, and who wish to compete in the marketplace. The marketplace will cease to exist if MicroSoft is not brought to heel with a sharp rein.

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